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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF CHINA

IPF:(1992-96) $176 600 000

(CPR/91/150) - Enhancement of Forestry

Date of approval by the AC:[1/]	1 July 1992
Expected duration:	Five years
Proposed executing agency:	Government
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Forestry (MOF)
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$6 514 600 Source of funds: IPF
Government cost sharing:	$1 580 000
Total UNDP budget:	$8 094 600

Project background

Forest coverage per capita is presently estimated at only 0.1/ hectare/person, about one-sixth the worldwide average. As a basic part of the economy, the forests have been heavily utilized in the past, without adequate reforestation or protection, with a resultant trend towards decline and reduction in both area and productivity. However, the Government has been alert to past trends in forest coverage and usage; and has had a long standing goal to increase forest coverage to approximately 16 percent by the end of this century and to around 20 percent or more as a long-term objective.

A comprehensive policy and planning for forest development in China has been formulated by the Ministry of Forestry through the Eighth Five-Year National Plan and the Ten year Forestry Development Plan with focus on the following five broad development issues: (1) development of an Expanded Forest Cover through afforestation, reforestation and control of desertification; (2) protection of forest resources over the entire forest life-cycle by using a strategy targeted at insect and disease management, control of forest fire, establishment of natural reserves and wildlife protection system, and reduction of forest encroachment; (3) management of the Forest Resource for maximum productivity of the desired multiple outputs and benefits; (4) improved comprehensive utilization of the available forest resources for current and new products and values; and (5) improved science, technology and education for administration and planning of forestry sector activities at all levels.

In the light of Government's National Forestry Program supported by multilateral and bilateral institutions, the Ministry of Forestry identified six elements (or gaps) of organizational priorities for UNDP assistance. The Program Formulation Team, after having consulting with the Government, refined the five elements (principal objectives) into a internally linked program which relates to the five forestry development issues, and is complimented with a sixth element to assist the Ministry of Forestry in the implementation of the integrated forestry program approach.

Description of project

The project seeks to capitalize on the comparative advantage of international technical

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assistance and training. A critical objective of the recommended assistance programme is to utilize the scarce UNDP resources to enhance the development of a sustained institutional and human resource capacity for integrating relevant international science and technology in addressing the long-term forestry development issues and strategies for China. It will assist the Government to sustain the development and utilization of the National Forestry Program, and will work as an ongoing component of strategic program planning and development as well as promote broader coordination and cooperation between other government ministries with interests in rural land use and among international donors. It will enhance the national social and economic contributions of the forestry sector through an integrated sector development within the National Forestry Program; and will address China's priorities for protecting and expanding the forest resource base for multiple social and economic benefits, environmental protection, and rural development.

Project activities will include: (a) establishing a National Forest Resources Monitoring System; (b) improving slash pine and loblolly pine seed orchards; (c) enhancing forestry detection, monitoring and forecasting of forest insect and disease; (d) enhancing the research and development capacity of the Paulownia Research Institute of China; (e) developing high-yield pulping of Chinese fast-growing wood and forest wood residues; and (f) supporting the Forestry Programme.

Inputs

UNDP will provide approximately 99 work-months of foreign experts in forestry management, and forestry utilization; 417 work-months of trairing in the form of study tours, fellowships and group training; equipment including a mixture of computer system for data process, equipment for seed and pollen, seed orchard management, fast growing tree pulp research, and insect and disease detecting and control; and miscellaneous costs.

Financial data

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Personnel	1 928 300
Subcontract	215 000
Training	2 069 600
Equipment	3 539 700
Miscellaneous	342 000
Total	8 094 600

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